

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD COUNCIL DISTRICT MEETING

TOPIC - \$548 Million Bond Measure

Monday, October 29, 2018

Presentation by Dana Martinez (Friends of Wake)

WCPSS has two budgets -

- 60% operating budget
- 30% from commissioners/capital (plus 10% from state)

There is a constitutional requirement to accommodate students. Schools will be built regardless of the bond via limited obligation bonds.

- ❖ 64-69 new residents daily in Wake County
- ❖ 1500 trailers in Wake County
- ❖ Predicted +2000 kids/year next 6 years

Some goals of the bond/funding:

- 1) Address Overcrowding
- 2) Renovate Old Schools
- 3) Update Inefficient HVAC Systems

Year 1 of bond cycle; next round in 2020.

Mentioned confusion around Amendments (ballot vote is for/against); Bond Measures (ballot vote is yes/no).

The county is unable to charge impact fees.

\$26 million in savings if passed (limited obligation bonds would cost this much more).

Tim Simmons presentation

Note on advocacy/school resources - tsimmons@wcpss.net

7-yr rolling capital improvement plan

The bulk of the first 2 years investment is for improvements.

FVHS, Baucom

14 new elementary schools needed for compliance

Cannot presume that class size mandate will go away at least for 2 years

No schools expected to become their own taxing authority.

Information on WCPSS website: <https://www.wcpss.net/2018bond>

- ❖ List of new schools (7 new); 4 years to build school, bond will pay for 1/2
- ❖ 11 schools for major renovations
- ❖ Tim will follow-up on missing link/info for Baucom Elementary
- ❖ Program requirements - list of items which would benefit many other schools (ex: \$46m technology, security-\$4.5m/yr)
- ❖ Life cycle building - HVAC improvements

7yr CIP - xls on breakdown of bond allocation/year:

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/14559/Resolution%20-%20Updated%207%20Year%20CIP%20-%20List%20Schedule.xlsx>

We are approaching the point where renovation amounts exceeds new school amounts

FAQ is a good resource for common questions: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/36745>

It is expected that K-3 class size issue will continue

The bond buys seats, is not tied to traditional/year-round.

Q&A

Questions -

- ❖ Noted parent frustration at not knowing whether a new school will be traditional/year-round
- ❖ Did not get expected benefits from last measure

Tim noted it is difficult to get families' attention before boundaries are drawn

Next meeting - January 7th @ Penny Road